Government is also committed to continue implementation of the National Policy for Older Persons. In this context, all the State Governments were requested to make the following arrangements in consultation with the respective High Courts:

i) Wherever there are more than one Fast Track Court (FTC), one of them may be earmarked to deal exclusively with cases involving senior citizens;

iii) Wherever there is only one FTC, instructions may be issued to that court to deal with all cases involving senior citizens on priority;

iii) All pending sessions cases involving senior citizens regardless of the period of pendency may be transferred to the nearest FTC for disposal;

iv) All civil matters involving property, inheritance, recovery of money, service matters and pension as well as rent and tenancy matters involving senior citizens and pending with District Judge may also be transferred to the FTC earmarked for senior citizens.

Information on the number of law suits relating to senior citizens pending for disposal in the High Courts is not maintained in the Department of Justice. However, Registrar Generals of all the High Courts have been requested to give continued emphasis to cases involving senior citizens in High Courts as well as the courts subordinate to the High Courts.

Issue of voter identity cards

2691. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of eligible voters have not been issued voter identity cards which are required since this scheme was started about 10 years ago, if so, the present position in this regard;

(b) whether a large number of voters have been issued cards with wrong identity; if so, the number thereof; and

(c) whether the scheme of issuing voter identity cards has been abandoned for the future elections and if so, what is the position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) A Statement showing the latest number of Elector's Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) issued in various States/Union territories as on 07-10-2009 is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) Cases of issue of a large number of defective EPICs have not come to the notice of the Election Commission, though cases do occur where particulars are wrongly written or mismatch of photo takes place. The same are sent for correction to the officers concerned in the office of the Electoral Registration Officer.

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

The status of electors' photo identity card (EPICs)

As on 07. 10.2009

Sl.No.	Name of State Union territories	No. of electors in the roll used in GE, 2009			Total No. of EPIC issued	% of EPIC coverage
		Male	Female	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	28684843	29207416	57892259	52490911	90.67
2	Arunachal Pradesh	368418	364538	732956	656582	89.58
3	Assam	9012150	8431467	17443617	0	0
4	Bihar	29187892	25268509	54456401	36240735	66.55
5	Chhattisgarh	7845559	7625088	15470647	12732342	82.30
6	Goa	511915	508062	1019977	858311	84.15
7	Gujarat	18885467	17581466	36466933	33801200	92.69
8	Haryana	6531270	5467391	11998661	11997461	99.99
9	Himachal Pradesh	2302312	2240602	4542914	4094074	90.12
10	J & Kashmir	3389951	3144591	6534542	3555444	54.41
11	Jharkhand	9466977	8443618	17910595	13766083	76.86
12	Karnataka	21290520	20463511	41754031	31211138	74.75
13	Kerala	10556255	11810325	22366580	22366580	100.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	20164786	17894487	38059273	36441754	95.75
15	Maharashtra	38156021	34807522	72963543	45485473	62.34
16	Manipur	829678	897567	1727245	1336715	77.39
17	Meghalaya	629436	648303	1277739	1277739	100.00
18	Mizoram	308562	317726	626288	576185	92.00
19	Nagaland	673047	644682	1317729	565306	42.90
20	Orissa	14052262	13108310	27160572	22999572	84.68
21	Punjab	8781100	8112249	16893349	16290256	96.43
22	Rajasthan	19475617	17489600	36965217	33908194	91.73
23	Sikkim	157011	143154	300165	298094	99.31
24	Tamil Nadu	20765129	20615014	41380143	41115310	99.36

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25	Tripura	1065706	1016559	2082265	2082265	100.00
26	Uttarakhand	2973957	2820441	5794398	5595071	96.56
27	Uttar Pradesh	61941301	51394998	113336299	93672451	82.65
28	West Bengal	27523788	24904416	52428204	51175170	97.61
29	A & N Islands	141096	123940	265036	169941	64.12
30	Chandigarh	290669	231981	522650	519305	99.36
31	Daman & Diu	48357	47025	95382	76706	80.42
32	D&N Haveli	81061	69643	150704	122281	81.14
33	NCT of Delhi	6185926	4906361	11092287	9400713	84.75
34	Lakshadweep	23464	22472	45936	44971	97.90
35	Puducherry	366788	395240	762028	762028	100.00
	TOTAL	372668291	341168274	713836565	587686363	82.33

EPIC in 34 States (Not implemented yet in Assam)

Fast track courts for rape cases

2692. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether to check registration of false rape cases and their politicisation for compensation Government has decided that the money to be awarded to rape victims will be decided by the special fast track courts hearing the cases;

(b) if so, the existing number of rape cases pending in various subordinate courts and High Courts; and

(c) to what extent the special fast track courts are going to dispose of the rape cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) No such decision has been taken by the Ministry of Law & Justice.

(b) As per the information received from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 67204 rape cases were pending in the various Subordinate Courts at the end of the year 2008. NCRB does not maintain information regarding the pendency of appeals of rape cases in High Courts.

(c) Disposal of cases is within the domain of judiciary. It is for the courts, whether regular or Fast Track, to dispose of cases including the rape cases expeditiously.